

Serving with World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions

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**"Let thine eyes be on the field that they reap, and go thou after them..." Ruth 2:9**

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Dear Friends and Co-Laborers,

Yokwe, bar juon alen (Hello again) from the land the Lord planted in our hearts twenty-seven years ago. How different! That day was rainy and a man stood at the rear of the plane with an umbrella to walk us to the terminal. Now it is Sunday afternoon and I'm sitting in what was our apartment until October 2003 when we said "good-bye for now." Pastor Helmer Lang preached this morning from I John 2 in Marshallese. The sun is brightly shining, the tide is in, the whitecaps decorate the sparkling green water on the reef, and farther out the deep blue waves crash in white foam on the edge of the reef. It is enough to make an old couple reminisce.

It was our privilege to speak at the K5 graduation and the next day to those assembled for the first high school graduation. After the graduation celebration the school presented us with a copy of their first yearbook which they had dedicated to us. What a surprise and such a humbling touch. Inside are the memories of many faces we first knew as little kids on their first day of school. Now they look back at us as young men and ladies – some saying good-bye to Majuro Baptist Christian Academy where they got all their schooling. In the fall these will all be attending colleges – one of them at Harvest Baptist Bible College in Guam and three of them in the United States. One of the girls was awarded the Gates Millennium Scholarship. All have a good Christian testimony!

Last week when we arrived they seemed to delight in coming up and saying, "Pastor and Mrs. Cline, do you remember me?" Later we enjoyed sitting around with some of them telling stories remembered from those first days – some sweet and some ... well, never mind. Nine years after we left, the school is now heavily populated with kids who weren't even born when we were here. God is so good to allow us to return and see what we are seeing. Brandon and Jackie Buck are doing a tremendous job in the directing and administration of the school. The school is winning good publicity from numerous sources in the Islands. We would like to recommend that some churches might take on a part of the monthly support of the Bucks. They are worthy and are under supported!

This week will be the last week before summer school begins. We are extremely busy. Our staff of about fifteen is trying to do all we can to be ready. Some essential repairs are being made (due to termites). I told our bookkeeper and secretary at church this morning that she may have trouble finding her desk with all the construction. Rooms are being cleaned and painted where needed. Parents are paying bills so their children can register. Some are taking tests to see if they can qualify as students. In all of this there are myriad interruptions for supplies, materials, and all sorts of miscellaneous needs.

The church is doing well, and Pastor Lang is faithful in the Word of God. There are new faces in the congregation, but some dear ones have left the scene – their race having been run. We will miss these until we meet again in Glory. Thank you for your continued interest in the spread of the Gospel in the Marshall Islands!

His and yours for the Harvest,

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